paying now. The APL population will pay 100% of the economic cost of foodgrains as against 77% and 81% being paid now for rice and wheat respectively. These measures will come into effect from 1.4.2000. The Government has also decided to increase the prices of sugar from Rs. 12.00 per Kg. to Rs. 13.00 per Kg. w.e.f. 1.3.2000. Sugar will now be distributed under the PDS to the population who are not Income Tax Assesses. There is no increase in prices of Kerosene to be distributed under PDS.

(c) For wheat & rice, the BPL families will have a net saving in their family food budget, since the monthly quota will be raised from 10 Kgs. to 20 Kgs. with effect from 1.4.2000. In case of sugar, the average per head, per month quota of levy sugar would now be 454 grams as against 375 grams before 1.1.2000. The average availability of sugar under PDS would increase by 79 grams per head, per month. Hence, in case of sugar, the impact on BPL will be nominal.

Increase in PDS Quota of States

1686. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have requested the Union Government to increase the quota for Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last one year and the action taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) Demand for the Public Distribution System (PDS) commodities, which are subsidised, is generally higher than the allocations made by the Government of India and requests are received from the States/Union Territories from time to time for enhancing their allotments.

Foodgrains:

Issue of foodgrains under the Public Distribution System (PDS) is dependent on the quantum of procured foodgrains. Out of the total quantum available in addition to issue under PDS, buffer stocks at prescribed norms have also to be maintained and certain commitments like issue of foodgrains

under Midday Meal scheme are also to be fulfilled. PDS is not a substitute for the open market but only a supplement to it. Details of the demands received from the States/ UTs during 1999-2000 for increase in the allocation of wheat and rice and decision taken by the Government is given in the Statement-I (*See* below)

Levy Sugar:

Requests for enhancement of monthly levy sugar quota had been received from various States. But it had not been found possible then to enhance the allocation of sugar under the PDS for State Governments/UTs by linking it to a more recent population figure. The Government of U.P., Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan, Assam, Mizoram, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu had been informed of this position.

However, w.e.f. 1.3.2000 the Government has decided to allot levy sugar to State Governments/UT Administrations on the basis of the projected population as on 1.3.2000. Accordingly, the March, 2000 allotment of levy sugar is being enhanced. With effect from 1.4.2000, the income-tax assesses and their family members will be excluded from the PDS coverage of sugar and therefore, there will be reduction in the monthly quota of levy sugar.

Kerosene:

Allocation of Kerosene is made on historical basis, i.e., past year's supplies plus additional allocation out of increase given at national level. Kerosene is a deficit product. Requests are received from State Governments for increase in their allocation of kerosene from time to time. However, on account of constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy involved, it is not possible to meet fully such demands always; possible increase, however, is given, out of the additional availability at the country level, in accordance with a formula, under which higher allocation out of additional quantity, is given to States with lower per capita- availability, so as to reduce inter-state disparity over a period of time.

Edible Oil:

Demand allocation and lifting of edible oil for the year 1999-2000 State-wise is given in the statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of the demands received from the State/UTs during 1999-2000 for increase in the allocation of wheat and rice decision taken by the

Government

S.No. States/UTs		Demand Made	Decision Taken
1. Andhra Pradesh	29.4.99	Addl alloc. of 1,00,000 MT rice for natural calamities	Not agreed to
2. Arunachal Pradesh	16.7.99	Enhancement of monthly quota by 4,900 MT rice and 5,400 MT wheat per-month for PDS	Not agreed to
3. Assam	(i) 9.4.99	Addl. alloc. of 20,000 MT rice for flood relief	20,000 MT rice allotted
	(ii) July' 99	Enhancement of present allocation by 30,640 MT rice and 21,700 MT wheat for PDS	Not agreed to
	(iii) 21.10.99	Enhancement of TPDS monthly quota by 50,000 MT rice and 21,700 MT wheat	Not agreed to
	(iv) 16.11.99	Enhancement of wheat quota by 30,300 MT wheat	Not agreed to
	(v) 29.12.99	Allotment of 10,000 MT wheat per month	Not agreed to. However, a qty. of 10,300 MT wheat allotted to the State for festival season in Dec. 99 at APL rate.
	(vi) 10.2.2000	Restoration of alloc. of wheat to 20,300 MT wheat per month.	Under consideration
4. Bihar	25.5.99	Addl. alloc. of 1,95,000 MT wheat for flood relief	1,00,000 MT Wheat allotted
5. Jammu & Kashmir		(i)	Further Addl. alloc. of Agreed to and allotment
	3.9.99	7,789 MT rice per month from Sept, 99 for drought relief at APL rate	made accordingly upto February, 2000
	(ii) 15.2.2000	Restoration of further additional alloc. of 7,789 MT rice from March, 2000	Under Consideration
6. Maharashtra	27.8.99	Addl. alloc. of 2,000 MT wheat per month from	Not agreed to

S.No. States/Uts		Demand Made	Decision Taken
		September, 99 onwards	
7. Manipur	(i) 1.6.99	Addl. alloc. of 1,000 MT rice per month at BPL rate for June, July & August, 99 for drought relief	Agreed to
	(ii) 2.8.99	Addl. alloc. of 1,000 MT rice per month for September and October, 99 at BPL rate for drought relief	Agreed to
8. Meghalaya	(i) 6.5.99	Restoration of addl. alloc. of 1,460 MT wheat from May, 99 onwards	Not agreed to
	(ii) 7.9.99	1,460 MT wheat per month as addl. alloc.	Not agreed to. However a quantity of 1,000 MT wheat allotted for festival season in Dec. 99 at APL rate.
9. Mizoram	(i) 26.5.99	Restoration of addl. alloc. of 950 MT wheat from May, 99 onwards	Not agreed to
	(ii) 3.11.99	Addl. alloc. of 1,083MT wheat	Not agreed to. However, a quantity of 1,730 MT wheat allotted for festival season in Dec. 99 at APL rate.
10. Nagaland	(i) 19.3.99	Addl. alloc. of 6,000 MT common rice for April, 99 for MOATSU festival	300 MT rice allotted at APL rate
	(ii) 19.5.99	Restoration of Addl. alloc. of 1,000 MT wheat from May, 99 onwards	Not agreed to
	(iii) 24.5.99	Addl. alloc. of 2,000 MT rice per month for May, June and July, 99.	Not agreed to
	(iv) 26.7.99	Addl. alloc. of 5,000 MT rice per month for July and	Not agreed to

S.No. States/UTs		Demand Made	Decision Taken
	(v) 6.7.99	Addl. alloc. of 2,000 MT rice for July, August and September, 99 at BPL rate for drought relief	Not agreed to
	(vi) 9.11.99	Addl. alloc. of 3,000 MT rice at APL rate and 3000 MT wheat at BPL rate for Christmas festival	17030 MT wheat allotted to the State for the month of Dec. 99 at APL rate for festival.
11. Orissa	(i) 11.5.99	Addl. alloc. of 14,000 MT rice per month at BPL rates for 8 KBK districts in Orissa	10,686 MT rice per month at BPL rate being allotted to the State exclusively for 8 KBK districts in Orissa from the month of July, 99
	(ii) Nov.99	Special addl. alloc. of 2,19,540 MT rice and 50,000 MT wheat at BPL rate for relief to cyclone affected people in 14 districts of Orissa	The Govt. of Orissa has been given spl. allocations rice and wheat at BPL rates for cyclone relief as under:-
			Rice
	(iii) Nov./Dec. 99	Further addl. alloc. of 96,710 MT rice at BPL rate for cyclone relief	(i) 2,93,038 tonnes (ii) 2,000 tonnes (for community kitchens to be run by NGOs/PSUs)
	(iv) Dec. 99	Further Addl. allocation of 55,000 MT rice against distribution of rice by State Govt. free of cost (gratuutous relief) to the cyclone affected people during first 15 days of the super cyclone.	(iii) 55,000 tonnes (against rice distributed to cyclone affected people free of cost during first 15 days of uper cyclone) Total-3,50,038 tonnes **Wheat** 50,000 tonnes(for conversion into Atta for distridution to the cyclone victims)
12. Rajasthan	January, 2000	Request for 26000 MT wheat per month at BPL rate for famine affected BPL families from January, 2000 to September, 2000.	Under consideration
13. Sikkim	19.6.99	Restoration of addl. alloc. of 790 MT wheat from May, 99 onwards	Not agreed to

S.No.	States/U.Ts		Demand Made	Decision Taken
		20.12.99	Request for addl. alloc. of 790 MT wheat for PDS.	Not agreed to. However, a quantity of 100 MT wheat allotted in Dec. 99 at APL rate for festival
14.	Tamil Nadu	23.6.99	Further Addl. alloc. of 56,000 MT rice per month from July, 99 to April, 2000 at APL rate	Agreed to
15.	Uttar Pradesh	7.5.99	Addl. alloc. of 4,300 MT common rice and 1,400 MT wheat for earthquake relief from May, 99 to March, 2000	Demand agreed to May, 99 June, 99-APL rates, July, 99- March, 2000 BPL Rates
16.	West Bengal	30.9.00	Addl. alloc. of 5,000 MT rice for Oct, 99 at APL rate for flood relief	Agreed to

Statement-II

State-wise demand, allocation and lifting of imported edible oils under PDS

Commodity:Edible Oil (Total) Year 1999-2000 (Financial Year) (Figures in tonnes)

Sl. No.	States/U.Ts.	Demand	Allocation	Lifting (up to Jan., 2000)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	98000	56700	11530
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—
3.	Assam	—	—	—
4.	Bihar	—	—	—
5.	Goa	3600	2430	676
6.	Gujarat	40000	25400	9931
7.	Haryana	200	200	—
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3050	1910	611
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	1250	1012	47
10.	Karnataka	14000	13600	2341
11.	Kerala	—	—	—

Sl. No.	States/U.Ts.	Demand	Allocation	Lifting (up to Jan., 2000)
12.	Madhya Pradesh	—	—	—
13.	Maharashtra	56000	41800	9347
14.	Manipur	7800	5215	56
15.	Meghalaya	1000	560	26
16.	Mizoram	600	306	45
17.	Nagaland	4800	2940	1636
18.	Orissa	20000	9100	956
19.	Punjab	—	—	—
20.	Rajasthan	—	—	—
21.	Sikkim	2200	1720	880
22.	Tamil Nadu	5400	3950	914
23.	Tripura	1100	660	101
24.	Uttar Pradesh	5000	5000	—
25.	West Bengal	53000	28000	4392
26.	A and N Island	250	177	—
27.	Chandigarh	—	—	—
28.	D and N Haveli	960	808	348
29.	Daman and Diu	1850	1561	430
30.	Delhi	5900	4950	1492
31.	Lakshadweep	400	334	118
32.	Pondicherry	11000	6800	859
	TOTAL	337360	215133	46736

Bufffer stock of foodgrains

1687. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the recommended buffer stock for wheat, rice and sugar in the